

# AIR-O-MECH

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Thirteen billion dollars must be raised in the Second War Loan drive. It is the responsibility of every American to lend our Government every dollar that he can.

The U. S. Treasury seeks to raise in War Bond subscriptions in three weeks almost as much as Americans have bought since the first campaign was launched in 1941. The drive which began Tuesday will be a continuing one throughout the year, but the initial stages will last about three weeks.

Funds are sought to finance a war which we wage with increasing vigor against one-time aggressors who now surround themselves with fortifications.

We are attacking and our war operations are costing us now about \$6,000,000,000 per month. Thus the goal of the Second War Loan Drive will finance American operations against the Axis for less than three months.

We are asked to loan our government our surplus money - we are asked to pass up luxuries and put our money to work for Uncle Sam. In return, we will receive interest at a far higher rate than if we were to invest money in a private enterprise. Four dollars back on every three we invest - isn't to be sneezed at.

We are asked to loan - not demanded to give. Only you know how much you can lend. Don't wait around for someone to come to you asking for your subscription - make your investment today. No matter how little our pay checks are - we must each do our part. Remember every dollar counts.

## MACARTHUR GIVES SOUND REPLY

Asked for comment recently on the new regulation prohibiting Army officers from seeking or accepting election to public office, Gen. Douglas MacArthur replied: "Let's get on with the war."

## MUSTN'T WEAR 'EM

The war gal's wearing your insignia better make her give it back. A War Department order is now being enforced with a \$300 fine and a six months' jail sentence attached.

Reason for enforcement is the fact that the insignia are made of hard-to-get metal and many soldiers are having a hard time buying them.



Shipping tomorrow—might not come back—sure going to miss everyone.

Those were the thoughts of a young soldier seated at a table in the tap-room just outside a Post. Sure he was blus, who wouldn't be. And I imagine that was why he was so glad to have the pretty chick from the next table come over and sit with him. She was just a nice girl and it made him feel better to be able to tell his troubles to somebody.

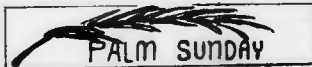
Yes, he had heard plenty warnings about talking too freely to strangers, but he was leaving in the morning and after all she was just a nice kid and didn't give two-hoots where he was going. Oh NO! then maybe it was just coincidence that she made a hurried telephone call and that three days later the ship carrying the lonely soldier was reported sunk.

Do not talk military-matters with strangers. EVEN IF THEY ARE CUTE.

## DAD CAN BE SUTLE TOO

Letter from a Johnson Field Student  
"Dear Dad: Que?? what I need most of all? That's right. \$ and it along Be!! wishes. Your son, Tom".

Letter from Dad to Student: "Dear Tom: NOTHING ever happens here. We know you like your school. Write us another letter aMon. Jimmie was asking about you at Mon. How we have to say good-bye. Dad."



Things that have always hit the lime-light in the way of history and news are wars and religion. As far back as the Stone Age, when inscriptions were carved on the walls of caves, wars have dominated in making history, and holding its immortal doings intact.

Perhaps it seems silly to some people to think that wars have been caused because people wished to worship in their own way, but it cannot be denied.

Tomorrow marks a day which brings forth the Christians, brings forth the power of God, and the freedom of worship in him. Palm Sunday has been observed for many, many years. And soldiers at Seymour Johnson Field - soldiers in the more hazardous positions, train and fight because they wish to continue their worship, they want to observe next year and the year after...they want to observe it in peace.

Palm Sunday is the last Sunday of Lent, the Sunday preceding Easter and the first day of Holy Week. It was first celebrated in the Fourth Century by the Christian Church in Jerusalem, in commemoration of the triumphal entry of Jesus. - It was a festival of joy, a procession starting from one to another of the churches, the children followed singing and waving palms. These palms were taken home by the people as tokens of good. The custom is followed in Roman Catholic Churches today.

## THE BEST FRIEND OF THE AXIS

A-W-O-L

Either through ignorance or through the lack of a stable mind, some men continue to go AWOL. Perhaps they don't realize how "low" it is to go "over the hill". But surely they know, like we all know, that it is a crime open to trial and court-martial. It means being called out before their squadron and called a "slacker". It means disrespect to the uniform, it means letting their buddies down, - and above all it means an AID to the AXIS.

Men in New Guinea and Tunisia know that when this battle is won, they can walk the streets of Philadelphia or Chicago feeling that they had earned their discharge - they will also know that one, two or more of their buddies didn't come back because somebody went AWOL when they were needed.

## POEM OF THE WEEK

By  
Sgt. Alex Karambas

## SONG OF THE PILOT

Son of the clouds, I yearned to be  
Where the lightning from my eyes  
Would flare at night with wistful  
glee

To storm the moody skies.  
To storm the enemy in the skies  
That peoples might be free.

Cousin to laughter near the moon  
Where to shattering spirits dwell  
Stealing a gaudy hour to spon  
Before they leave for Hell.  
Before they leave I hear them tell  
Night not return another June.

Brother to comet young with mirth  
In a power dive I fall,  
Kissing my cannon at the earth  
Where the enemy banners crawl.  
Where the enemy dies a nation tall  
Grows from its bloody birth.

Son of the clouds a father now  
With my body bound in lead,  
Furrowed deep with loog-toothed plow  
And seeded by God's hand.  
Harvest of freedom where you stand  
Like wheat in the sin's red glow.



The name of this column used to be "The Chaplain Speaks." For that reason, no doubt, many passed it up. So many men in the army and in civilian life think, in their ignorance, that anything churchly or religious is namby-pamby, sissy, only for women and wackings. Quite often we find people priding themselves on their independence of things religious. They court such an independence as an evidence of their robust manliness.

This is a most interesting psychological phenomenon, that so many men, yes, and women too, find a rationalization for their repudiation and refusal of the greatest challenge they can receive. Because it is a hard job, harder than any man has to face, to live a life based on religious values, they run away from it and account themselves brave and hardy in the running away. They go through life whistling in the dark, feeling no one but themselves.

Perhaps it is better that way. The voice of the living God, speaking through His Church and Her Ministers is too fierce and insistent for those who want an easy way. The Kingdom of God has no place for wackings and A-F classifications. Only the best and bravest can "take it" in the service of the Lord of all Creation.

Chaplain William M. Green Jr.

## PROTESTANT

Chapel 3 Eighth at C and D Streets.

Sunday  
0800 - Holy Communion - Chap. Green  
0900 - General Service - Chap. Green  
1030 - General Service - Chap. Green  
1400 - General Service - Chap. Quick  
1930 - General Service - Chap. Quick

Wednesday

0800 - Holy Communion - Chap. Green

Thursday

1330 - Holy Communion - Chap. Green

Chapel 2 B and Fifth Streets.

Sunday

0900 - General Service - Chap. Davis

1030 - General Service - Chap. Olson

1400 - General Service - Chap. Olson

1930 - General Service - Chap. Davis

Wednesday

1930 - Midweek Service - Chap. Davis

JEWISH

Chapel 4, Fifth and G. Streets.

Sunday

1030 - Sabbath Service - Chap. Goldberg

Friday

1930 - Sabbath Service - Chap. Goldberg

Saturday

0930 - Sabbath Service - Chap. Goldberg

1030 - Sabbath Service - Chap. Goldberg

1530 - Sabbath Service - Chap. Goldberg

Daily Mon. through Fri. 1000 - 1930

CATHOLIC

Chapel 1, E and Fifth Streets.

Sunday

0700 - Masses - Father Corhan

0900 - Masses - Father Kennedy

1100 - Masses - Chaplain Taister

1330 - Masses - Chaplain Taister

Daily Services - 0730

COLORED PROTESTANT

Chapel 4, Ninth and G. Streets.

Sunday

0900 - General Services - Clergyman

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Red Cross Auditorium

Sunday

0900 - Protestant - Chaplain Olson

0900 - Jewish (Annex) Chap. Goldberg

LUTHER SERVICES

Chapel No. 1 - Catholic

Wed Nite Services and Devotions 1930

Chaplain Taister

Chapel No. 3 - Protestant

Wed Nite Devotions - 1930 Chap. Green